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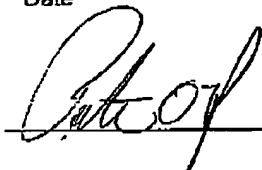
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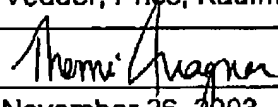
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that Claim 5 is allowed and that Claims 9 and 10 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-19 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,686,963 to (Uz et al.) ("Uz"). Claims 4, 20-22 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uz. Claims 20, 25, 26 and 27 are rejected